

REMARKS

Applicant notes that the claim amendments in this Preliminary Amendment address the outstanding clarity issues from the parent application. Further, applicant has amended inventorship and revised the priority claim. This application now correctly claims priority from Application No. 09/904,190 and Application No. 10/200,029.

Applicant believes that all outstanding issues have been resolved, however, if the Examiner has additional questions or concerns, the Examiner should feel free to contact, Susan D. Betcher, applicant's undersigned attorney at (206) 622-4900.

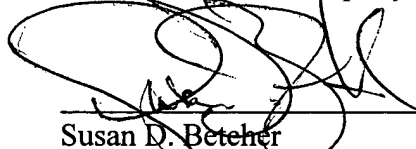
The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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